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"THEREMOFORMING APPARATUS . . . "

Our ref: B-3289PCT 615920-5

**REMARKS:**

**Reply under 37 CFR 1.116**  
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Official Action, mailed December 5, 2002. Entry of the amendments below is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116(a) as putting the application into condition for allowance. The Applicant is requesting expedited processing of this Response After Final as described in MPEP 714.13. All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 10 as presented below. A clean copy of Claim 10, as amended, is presented on the following page. A marked copy of Claim 10, showing the changes made, is presented in the Appendix to this response.

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